

BASIC NEPA TRAINING
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Tuesday, February 18, 2003

- 8:30 – 8:45 Overview of the Course – Canter and Faris
- 8:45 – 9:45 Legislative and Regulatory Background (NEPA, CEQ Regulations, 40 Most Asked Questions, NAO 216-6, MSFCMA) – Canter
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 11:00 Major Federal Actions, Types of NEPA Documents, and Determination of Appropriate Level of Analysis (CE, EA, FONSI, mitigated FONSI, EIS, ROD, Lead Agency, Cooperating Agencies, Purpose and Need, Mitigation, and CE Checklist for NMFS Grants) – Canter
- 11:00 – 12:00 Major Federal Actions, etc. – continued -- Canter
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Administrative Record Keeping and Public Involvement – Faris
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 Integrating NEPA Requirements with Other Federal Laws and Executive Order Requirements (Checklist of Other Laws and Executive Orders) – Faris
- 3:15 – 4:30 Scheduling and Components of a NEPA Document (Structure of Document, Cover Page, Table of Contents, Appendices, Incorporation by Reference, Supplements, and Responding to Comments) – Canter and Faris

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

- 8:30 – 9:00 The Scoping Process (Identification of Actions, Alternatives, and Impacts; and Prioritization According to Importance and Degree of Impact) – Canter
- 9:00 – 9:30 Methods for Identification of Direct and Indirect Effects of Proposed Actions – Atkinson

9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:30	Identification of Marine Fisheries Issues (Checklist for Issues Identification) – Faris
10:30 – 11:00	Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives (Purpose and Need, Rule of Reason, Screening, and Evaluation in EAs) – Canter
11:00 – 12:00	Determination of Impact Significance (CEQ Regulations, NAO 216-6, and MSFCMA) – Canter
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Case Study – Alaska Groundfish 2003 TAC Specifications EA – Faris
1:45 – 2:15	Review of FONSI from 2003 TAC Specifications EA – Atkinson
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:15	Continuing Use of NEPA Documents (Incorporation by Reference, Tiering, Supplemental Documents, and Determining Scope of Analysis) – Faris
3:15 – 4:30	Workshop on Continuing Use of NEPA Documents (Excerpts from Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan EIS) – Canter, Faris, and Atkinson

Thursday, February 20, 2003

8:30 – 9:30	Ecosystem-Based Management – Atkinson
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:30	Cumulative Effects Assessment for Marine Fisheries Management – Canter
10:30 – 11:00	Addressing Unknown/Unavailable Information (Description, Monitoring, and Research) – Atkinson
11:00 – 12:00	Role of Appeals and Litigation in the NEPA Process, Summary of Selected NEPA Court Cases where NMFS is Defendant (Ramsey, Zilly, Kessler, Larson and Larson), and Chronology of Steller Sea Lion Litigation – Canter and Faris
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch

1:00 – 2:15	Workshop on NEPA Aspects of 1999 Zilly Court Case – Atkinson
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:30	Obtaining NEPA Documents via Contracting (Developing Statement of Work, Selecting Contractors, Contract Management, Review of Documents, and Review of a Statement of Work) – Faris and Atkinson
3:30 – 4:15	Review of CE Checklist for NMFS Grants – Canter and Faris
4:15 – 4:30	Course Summary -- Canter